



Protect Federalism:

Prevent Ranked-Choice Voting and Similar Systems

Claims of RCV Supporters Versus Factual Evidence

Supporters claim RCV: Is easy and common sense to use

In Fact:

- Exit polls show voters find the RCV voting system **confusing**, especially vulnerable populations. (Virginia, New York, Alaska, Idaho, Arlington)
- It requires **expensive** voter education and outreach and implementation software. (Utah)
- Elderly, limited English, and other populations are **negatively affected**. (Alaska, General)

Supporters claim RCV: Requires winners to earn majority support

In Fact:

- **There is only a majority of ballots remaining in the last round, not of all ballots initially cast.**
- This is a "**False**" **majority**, and many voters are disenfranchised. (Alaska)
- Provides misleading representation of level of support.

Supporters claim RCV: May encourage new candidates to run for office

In Fact:

- Party politics could encourage a crowded ticket on the opposing side in hopes of splitting the ticket.
- Splitting the opposing party percentage boosts the **scheming party's** percentage. (Alaska)

Supporters claim RCV: Saves Time

In Fact:

- Time to **certify elections** will be increased. (New York, Virginia, New York)
- A **poll of voters** from an RCV election in Arlington, VA found that a majority wanted election results within 3 days of an election; this is impractical for RCV elections.
- Tabulating the ranked votes **requires waiting** until all mail-in ballots are ready to be counted.

Supporters claim RCV: Saves Money

In Fact:

- Necessary changes to voting machines, software and voter education are **costly**. (Utah)
- Education about a **new voting method** will need to be extensive and ongoing.
- **Localities** bear the cost. (NY spent \$15M on their education campaign)
- Localities that institute ranked-choice voting typically spend more on elections.
- Supporters attempt to hide costs associated by picking up the tab. (Utah)

Supporters claim RCV: Tallying logic is simple

In Fact:

- Algorithms will be required to calculate **redistribution of votes**. (Post, Alameda)
- **Hand audits will be nearly impossible** in all but the most limited races. (Wyoming)
- **Centralized counting** location needed for cross jurisdictional precinct vote tabulation.

Ranked-Choice Voting Educational Resources

- Virginia Institute: [Election Integrity Network](#)
- [StopRCV.com](#) Ranked-Choice Voting threatens our elections.
- Trent England and Jason Snead at [Real America's Voice](#) Ruining Elections Through Ranked Choice Voting
- [Ranked Choice Voting Education Association](#): A series of twenty short videos explaining RCV
- Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA) [Ranked Choice Voting: A Disaster in Disguise](#)
- Honest Elections Project, Jason Snead: [Virginia is no place for crazy voting experiments](#).
- Spakovsky and J. Adams: [Ranked Choice Voting Is a Bad Choice](#)
- The Elections Transparency Initiative Cuccinelli: [North Dakota Legislature Must Override Governor's Veto to Ban Ranked-Choice Voting Scheme](#)
- ALEC: [Safeguard American Votes And Elections Act](#) (SAVE Act)